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Re Application of:

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For: **PERM SELECTIVE ASYMMETRIC  
HOLLOW FIBRE MEMBRANE  
FOR THE SEPARATION OF  
TOXIC MEDIATORS FROM  
BLOOD**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the U.S. patent literature are not enclosed.

It is the undersigned's understanding that the cited U.S. copending application is available to the Examiner through the PTO's Image File Wrapper system. Accordingly, a copy of the cited U.S. copending application is not enclosed. See M.P.E.P. § 609.04.

The following applies to the non-English documents:

1. **KR 2001061733 A**. An English-language translation and an Abstract are being submitted herein.

2. **KR 9507322 B**. An English-language Abstract and an English-language translation of its priority document are being submitted herein.

3. **EP 0168783 A1**. An English-language Abstract is being submitted herein.

4. **WO 88/00028**. An English-language Abstract is being submitted herein.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

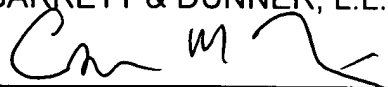
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